

West Bergholt Parish Council

Community Hub

2024-25 Budget Planning

Youth Engagement

2024 Diary Dates

NEWSLETTER

from PC Meeting of Nov 2023

Provisional approval of £10,000 grant.

The Parish Council has obtained provisional approval of an ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) grant of £10,000 for the proposed WB Community Hub. The Council is also waiting to hear the outcome of its £24,999 application to the Rural England Prosperity Fund. If approved, these monies, along with developer (section 106) monies and savings, will pay for the construction of the long planned for Community Hub, a single-storey extension to the Orpen Memorial Hall.

Work begins on preparing the budgets for the next financial year.

The Responsible Finance Officer, Cllr Andrew Savage, will begin discussions with each of the Council's committees over the coming weeks as preparation work for the 2024-25 budget and CCC precept request (the Parish Council's proportion of resident's council tax bill). Inflation is affecting every aspect of the Council's spending, but Council members are conscious of the current strain on resident's wallets and have made it clear that they wish to keep any necessary increases to a minimum. The final proposed budget will go before Council to be ratified at the January full council meeting, to which residents are welcome to attend.

Parish Council pushes to increase youth engagement.

Cllr Harry Stone is heading up a Working Party looking into ways to increase input in the Council's decision-making process from younger West Bergholt residents. As well as recent visits to Heathlands School & Bergholt Youth Group, discussions are in progress for a possible After School Drop-in Café for young people.

Council & its committees' diary dates agreed.

2024 dates noted, public always welcome to attend.

Read the minutes of the meeting in full at westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/